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SUBJECT: TEXT OF CHAIRMAN' S REPORT FOR JUNE 11-18

1. AT JUNE 19 MEETING AD HOC GROUP REVIEWED CANADIAN DRAFT OF
WEEKLY CHAIRMAN' S REPORT TO NATO. TEXT INCORPORATING MINOR
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AMENDMENTS MADE BY GROUP FOLLOWS:

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE USUAL PRACTICE OF THE AD HOC GROUP, THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED AS THE CHAIRMAN' S OWN ACCOUNT OF THE WEEK' S PROCEEDINGS. IT HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO A GENERAL REVIEW BY THE AD HOC GROUP PRIOR TO ITS TRANSMISSION.

3. ON JUNE 12, ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH SOVIET AND CZECHOSLOVAK REPRESENTATIVES TO PRESS THEM ONCE MORE FOR A FIRM DATE FOR THE BEGINNING OF NEGOTIATIONS IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER. THE ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES ALSO PRESSED STRONGLY FOR A PLENARY MEETING LATER THAT DAY AND ENQUIRED WHETHER THE COMMUNIQUE PHRASE ABOUT " SCOPE AND TIMING" HAD YET BEEN APPROVED BY THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES.

4. IN REPLY, THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE MADE ANOTHER PROPOSAL ON THE QUESTION OF DATE, SUGGESTING THAT BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THE COMMENCEMENT DATE BE NOT LATER THAN THE END OF THIS YEAR, WITH THE EXACT DATE TO BE DETERMINED SOMETIME BETWEEN NOW AND DECEMBER 31. THE ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES IMMEDIATELY REJECTED THIS PROPOSAL BUT UNDERTOOK TO CONSULT THEIR COLLEAGUES WHEN REQUEST TO DO SO. THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE FURTHER STATED THAT HE DID NOT YET HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO CONFIRM THE TEXT OF THE COMMUNIQUE, INCLUDING THE PHRASE DEALING WITH " SCOPE AND TIMING". FINALLY, THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE, WHEN PRESSED, MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE SOCIALIST STATES WOULD NOT ATTEND A PLENARY IF HELD THAT DAY AND PLEADED FOR WESTERN PATIENCE, HOLDING OUT SOME HOPE THAT HE MIGHT RECEIVE SOME INSTRUCTIONS BY FRIDAY, JUNE 15.

5. THE AD HOC GROUP MET LATER ON JUNE 12 AND REQUESTED THE CHAIRMAN TO MAKE ANOTHER APPROACH THAT DAY TO THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE TO CONFIRM THAT THE LATEST SOVIET PROPOSAL ABOUT A DATE WAS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE AND THAT THE AGREEMENT TO COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS IN SEPTEMBER- OCTOBER 1973 SHOULD BE HONORED. FURTHER, THE CHAIRMAN WAS ASKED TO PRESS FOR A PLENARY MEETING TO BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE CHAIRMAN MET WITH THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE AND MADE THESE POINTS.

IN TURN, THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT THE DECISION ABOUT A DATE WAS NOT ON THE " LEVEL OF DELEGATIONS" BUT RATHER AT THE LEVEL OF " THE HIGHEST AUTHORITIES." KHESTOV UNDERTOOK TO INFORM HIS AUTHORITIES OF THE ALLIED REACTION TO THE SOVIET PROPOSAL. WITH
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REGARD TO THE NEXT PLENARY, THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT HE WOULD AGREE TO A PLENARY ONLY WHEN HIS AUTHORITIES HAD AGREED TO THE TEXT OF THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE, INCLUDING AN ACCEPTABLE DATE. HE MADE IT CLEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT HE CONSIDERED THERE SHOULD BE ONLY ONE MORE PLENARY MEETING AT WHICH EVERYTHING WOULD BE APPROVED.

6. THE AD HOC GROUP REVIEWED THE SITUATION ON JUNE 15 AND INSTRUCTED

THE CHAIRMAN TO MAKE ANOTHER APPROACH TO THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE ON MONDAY, JUNE 18, TO AGAIN PRESS FOR AN ANSWER ON THE DATE, TO PRESS FOR A PLENNARY ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, AND TO HAND OVER THE TEXT OF THE NAC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE PARTICULARLY DRAWING THE ATTENTION OF THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SECTION ON MBFR. THE CHAIRMAN MADE THIS APPROACH ON JUNE 18 AND THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT HE HAD STILL NOT RECEIVED ANY INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT THE DATE OR THE REST OF THE COMMUNIQUE TEXT BUT HE EXPECTED A FAVORABLE RESPONSE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, OFFICIALLY AGREEING TO THE TEXT, IN PARTICULAR TO THE PHRASE CONCERNING "SCOPE AND TIMING." FURTHER THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE AGAIN URGED PATIENCE, INDICATING THAT HE COULD NOT AGREE TO A PLENNARY THIS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20.

7. THE AD HOC GROUP REVIEWED THE SITUATION LATER ON JUNE 18 AND IS CONSIDERING ASKING THIS WEEK'S CHAIRMAN TO MAKE YET ANOTHER APPROACH TO THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP UP THE PRESSURE ABOUT A DATE ON THE OTHER SIDE.

8. ON JUNE 15, THE AD HOC GROUP DISCUSSED A REPORT PREPARED BY THE SUB-GROUP ON ACCOMMODATIONS WHICH EXAMINED THE SUITABILITY OF A POTENTIAL COMMON FACILITY TO HOUSE ALL NATO DELEGATIONS FOR THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS. AS A RESULT OF THIS DISCUSSION, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE BUILDING IN QUESTION WAS NOT SUITABLE, AND THAT THE SUB-GROUP SHOULD NOW TURN ITS ATTENTION TO LOCATING A SMALLER BUILDING BASED UPON A REVISION OF EACH DELEGATION'S OFFICE SPACE REQUIREMENTS. HUMES

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